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DATE DISTR. 19 Feb. 1952

SUBJECT Nickel Plant at Monchegorsk

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1. Location:

West of MONCHEGORSK (32°57'E/67°55'N), Murmansk Oblast, and west of the lake and swampy area adjoining the town.

2. Plant installation:

Soviets said the plant was constructed in about 1936. During the war the machinery was transferred to Inner Russia. The reinstallation of the machinery and the enlargement of the plant started in 1944. The total plant area was about 1.2 x 1 mile. A Railroad connection was available. Power was supplied from outside the plant. For plant layout see Annex.

3. Work force:

The number of working PWs had been reduced to 250. [REDACTED] did not know the number of Soviet laborers, working in the [REDACTED] ts.

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4. Production:

Nickel, copper and cobalt.

5. Extensive air raid alerts were practised in town and [REDACTED] in the spring of 1949.

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b. The location and purpose of the main plant departments (departments 5, 3, 1, and 2) correspond to other information. The departments No. 4 and 6 seem to be new installations. It can be assumed that the location of department No. 6 was correctly reported in the attached sketch (southwest of the large department No. 3). The cobalt department is, presumably, designated No. 4.

c. The difference in the location of department No. 5 in relation to the railroad station, can be explained by the great length of the plant.

d. The small river can be an important landmark in locating the different buildings. On the attached sketch it crosses the plant area. A previous report located it north of the plant. [redacted] did not mention it at all, so that it is possible that numerous brooks and canals run across this area. In such case, a single water arm would not be an aid in orientation.

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f. The information on the air raid alert in the Spring of 1949 is of interest. This is the first [redacted] on such a practice alert. Further details were not available.

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1 Annex : Nickel plant in MONCHEGORSK.

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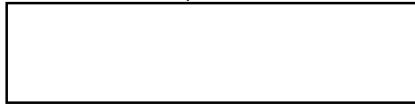
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Legend:

- 1 ~~NOCHESGONK~~ railroad station
- 2 PW Camp No. 7448/2
- 3 Locomotive barn
- 4 Department No. 5, plant repair shop
- 5 and 6 Storage sheds for machine parts and ferro-additions
- 7 and 8 Storage sheds for ferro-additions required for the production of nickel
- 9 Freight yard stores
- 10 Coal dump
- 11 Storage of sulphate and lumber
- 12 Department No. 2, electrolysis
- 13 Power station
- 14 Compressor Station
- 15 Workshop under construction, a steel structure
- 16 Boilerhouse
- 17 Turbinehouse
- 18 Coke dump with traveling crane
- 19 Ore dump
- 20 Department No. 1, Processing of copper and nickel
- 21 Compressor station
- 22 Workshop, purpose unknown
- 23 Conveyor belts connecting the workshop
- 24 Workshop, so-called "Kartell" with brick smokestack, 300 feet high
- 25 Chemical laboratory

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- 26 Air tube
- 27 Kitchen and mess hall
- 28 Oil tanks
- 29 Pumping installations for the oil tanks
- 30 Compressor station
- 31 Storehouse for materials with traveling crane
- 32 Department No. 6, under construction
- 33 Purpose unknown
- 34 Building under construction
- 35 Department No. 3 with three brick smokestacks each 300 feet high
- 36 Destroyed building, to be reconstructed in 1949
- 37 Coke crane
- 38 Compressor station
- 39 Cobalt department
- 40 Ore dump
- 41 Dwellings of apprentices
- 42 Transformer station
- 43 Assembly shop
- 44 River, name unknown
- 45 Silo
- 46 Narrow-gauge railroad for ore shipments
- 47 to 50 Shafts No. 1 through 4.

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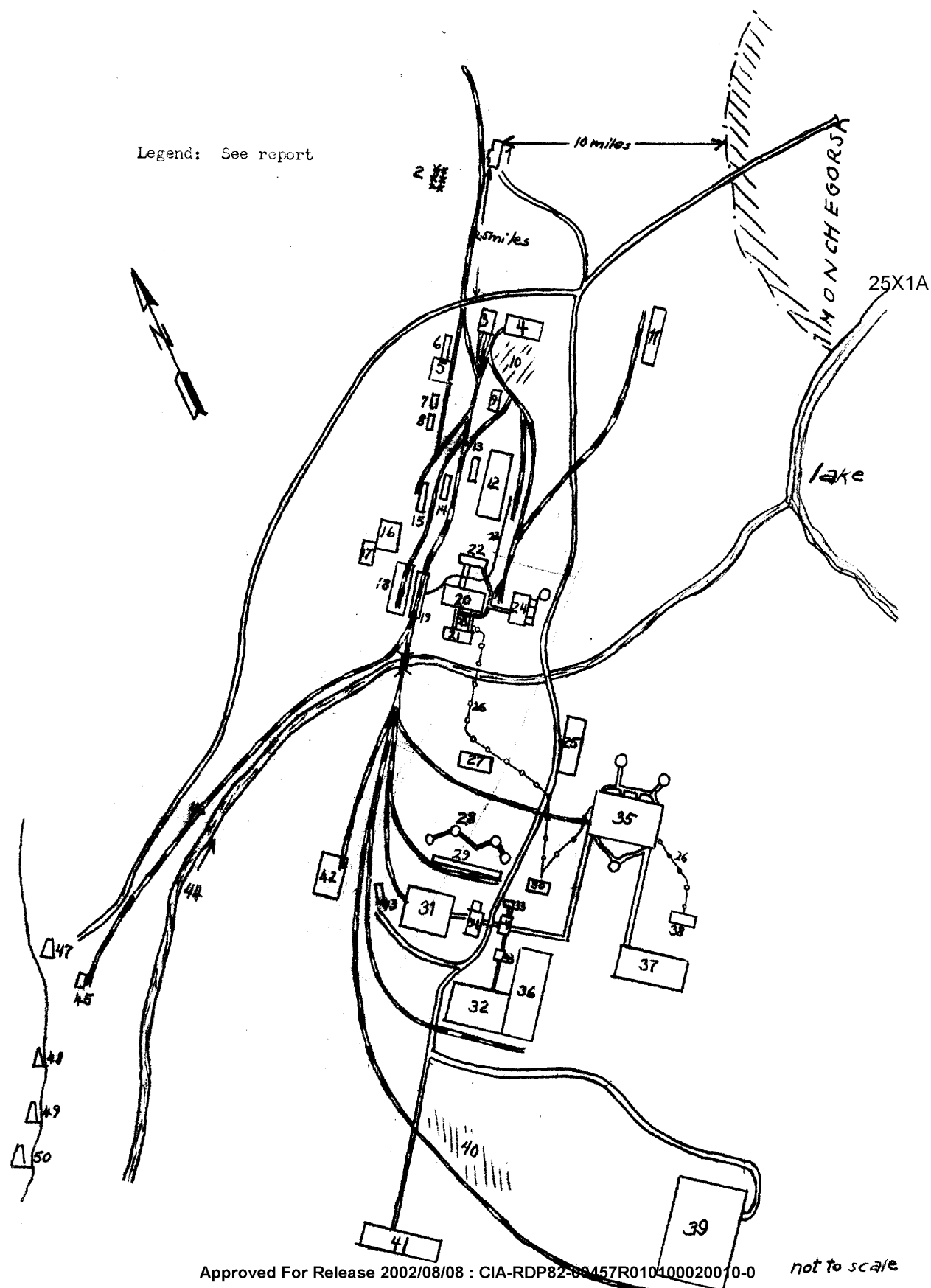
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Legend: See report



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